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FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1893.

H. H. Warner, the millionaire potent medicine man, has made an assignment.

Carlyle W. Harris, the young wife murderer, was executed by electricity at the Sing Sing prison, at 12:40 o'clock Monday. It is stated that Harris made an attempt to commit suicide Saturday night.

On the occasion of its fifth anniversary, May 1st, the Kentucky Leader issued one of the handsomest forty-page souvenir editions ever published in Kentucky. It was full and running over with appropriate and interesting reading matter and was complete in every particular.

One of the ripest fields in the south for a railroad is the route laid out by the C. & O. railroad, and whether or not that company succeeds in getting the road built, it will be but a comparatively short time until a line is established to the southeast via the Big Sandy valley. The prospects for the building of the C. & O., however, appear to be better than ever before.

Hanging On.

John W. Langley, of Prestonburg, is a pretty Republican. He has played it very low down, but still sticks to it. He was, up to within few weeks of the inauguration, a member of the Board of Pension Appeals, with a salary of \$2,000 per annum. These positions are outside of the civil service and they have generally been given away as a reward for party service.

Langley did not think it safe to hold such a conspicuous position under a Democratic Administration, especially when the people last November had voted in such unmistakable terms against everything tainted with Republicanism, so he succeeded in having himself reduced in rank and placed within the classified service at a salary of \$1,800 per year. Quite a number of Republicans have played the ostrich trick, but it is believed they will not escape the Democratic broom, which will soon raise the dust in the departments.—C. J.

Lexington and The Mountains.

A few days ago while conversing with a well known Judge of Central Kentucky we asked the question "why should a single Legislator from Eastern Kentucky oppose Lexington as a location for the Capital?" Why, sir, said he, that is a very easy question to come up in the Legislature, when the eastern and western portions of the State were divided, that Lexington Representatives did not throw their vote against the mountains. Did you ever notice in the conventions etc., Lexington always votes to vote for some one else other than a man from Eastern part of the State. In the Constitutional Convention, of which body I was a member, the Lexington member was generally found opposing every amendment offered by a mountain man. I might mention many instances in which the blue-grass members have been discourteous to the mountain members. They are men who do not forget things in an hour, and when the Capital removal question comes up I am of the opinion that some of the members from the mountains will retaliate.

Sam Jones has broken the ice at last at Owensboro. At a recent service, says the Messenger, a reporter tried to count those who went forward in response to a "consecration" and ask for prayer. "He counted thirty in half a minute, and then the surging and crowding throng which rushed to where the preacher stood made a count impossible. There must have been at least 1,200 who went up. The meeting which, from a Sam Jones point of view, had bid fair to be a failure, suddenly became a thing of vast life and strength, and some of the preachers were almost overcome by the sight.—C. J."

The State capitol of Texas is the largest building in the United States, and one of the seven largest in the world. It cost \$3,500,000 and \$2,000,000 worth of Texas land sold for it.

Your Mail at the Fair.

Kentuckians at the Fair need give themselves no uneasiness about their mail. Besides the possibility that they may change their stopping place after they get here, there are other reasons why they had best have all the mail or packages they expect while here sent in "care of Kentucky building" Jackson Park, Ill." The mail facilities, not only for receiving but sending, will be perfect at the State building. The Post-office authorities, who are now getting the new Post-office in the Government building on the grounds into working shape, to-day put up a big red regulation mail box on the Kentucky building. Just inside, in a neat little ante-room, opposite that to be occupied by the "General Information" man, will be a Kentucky Post-office, with numbered and lock boxes and a postmaster who knows his business and will give his whole time thereto. Uniformed United States mail carriers will deliver and collect mail at the Kentucky building four or five times a day, and while the homelike appearance of the building will not be marred by the click of a telegraph instrument a half-dozen branches of the Western Union will be within a stone's throw.

To Restore the Death Penalty.

Switzerland is apparently about to return to the death penalty. The increase of crime and the horrible character of some of the horrible butcheries perpetrated by the assassins have brought a considerable number of the voters to the sad conviction that the condition of the country will be benefited by the re-establishment of the scaffold. In 1874 an amendment to the Federal Constitution, proclaiming the abolition of the death penalty throughout the entire territory of the Confederation, was adopted. In 1879, just five years afterward, this amendment was abolished. The vote which wiped it out, however, did not precisely restore the executioners to their old functions. It simply gave power to the cantons to re-introduce the death penalty in their penal codes if they chose to do so. But since 1879 eight cantons have availed themselves of the privilege granted by the revision and have re-established the death penalty. This may be a melancholy retrograde movement, but such as it is, it is.—New York Sun.

Mrs. Cleveland has a pleasant little custom of taking the President out riding every afternoon. He goes as her guest, and on these occasions leaves all business cares behind him. To make the President feel that he is entirely his wife's guest, Mrs. Cleveland always uses her own carriage and coachman. The mistress of the White House has a complete equipage of her own, and even the monogram on the harness and the carriage door is hers, and the letters are F. F. C.—Frances Folsom Cleveland. On these occasions Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland go alone. They are not even bothered by Ruby Ruth, and the drive is generally as far into the country as the length of the afternoon will permit.

All Editors There.

Stranger—I am in search of an editor. Has many people in this town who know how to run a newspaper?

Editor—Well, the population numbers six hundred and sixty-five.—Atlanta Constitution.

IRISH CREEK.

Farmers are busy plowing and planting corn. Sunday school is progressing nicely, with Mr. Hicks as Superintendent.

The high water makes Alfred Boggs pull off his hat and scratch where there is no hair to see his water gipsy go out.

Mr. Charley Roberts, who planted corn in the latter part of winter, has to plant it again.

Born, on the 2nd inst., to the wife of Bill Jordan, a 12 pound boy. Bill talks of calling it Grover, anyhow.

An exchange says one-third of the fools in this country think they can beat a lawyer in expounding the law. One-half of them think they can beat a doctor healing the sick. Two-thirds of them think they can put the minister in the hole in preaching the gospel, and all of them think they can beat an editor running a newspaper.

While Mr. T. J. Kibben, of A. Poma M., was traveling in Kansas he was taken violently ill with cholera morbus. He died at a drug store in some medicine and the druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which he concluded to try. The result was immediately relief, and a few doses cured him completely. It is made by a local chemist and is sold by all druggists. For sale by A. M. Hughes, Louisville.

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Monthly Crop Report.

FRANKFORT, KY., May 1, 1893.

The condition of the weather the last days of March and the first part of April made the farmers anticipate an early spring. They took advantage of it, and were well advanced until the commencement of the cold, wet weather, which has retarded all farm work and vegetation of all kinds. Timothy, clover and all grasses were looking unusually well. The correspondents nearly all report a good prospect for wheat. A large part of their reports were returned to me by the 25th of April. Since that time we have been visited by very severe frosts, and in many places the ground was considerably frozen, and some of the correspondents from the southern part of the State are very apprehensive that the early-sown wheat will be injured. The government report for wheat is not very flattering. The per cent. obtained from my correspondents is placed at 91.

CORN.—Farmers very generally are delayed with their crop the first part of April, and were stopped by the wet weather, and have been unable to plant since, and from a resume of all reports, the crop is not half planted. The early planted corn was all cut down by the frost, and some farmers are thinking of plowing up and replanting. My advice would be to wait for a few warm, sunny days. The average acreage is placed at 98 per cent.

OATS.—The season for sowing oats was good, and it was put in good time. The average is 95 per cent.

TOBACCO.—Nothing very definite can be stated as to the tobacco crop as yet. The season makes the acreage somewhat prospective; but from the reports, the outlook is for a large crop. Plants are very abundant, and from present indications will be ready as soon as farmers are ready to set them; the estimated acreage is 100 per cent.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—The comparative condition of sheep in the State is good; very little disease; the per cent. is 97. The comparative number of lambs is not so large as was anticipated, nor the price so good. 'Twas believed the World's Fair would create a large demand for lambs, and the price would rule high. The average price is placed at 44 cents.

CATTLE.—A decrease of 10 per cent. in the number of cattle in the State is beginning to have its effect in stiffening prices, and from present prospects the outlook is good; the comparative per cent. is placed at 90.

HOGS.—The outlook for the hog product is certainly very flattering. The prices are very high now, and reports from all parts of the State go to show that there is a great scarcity of hogs. Mr. Henry A. Robinson, the United States statistician, says in his April report, "many reports from all the great hog raising States report that the high prices of pork, seconded in many cases by scarcity, and comparatively high prices of grain for feeding, resulted in causing farmers to sell off their hogs very close. Brood sows being in many cases fattened for market. The result is a present scarcity of porcine stock in many localities, a very active and general demand for sows to raise for breeding purposes." The number, as compared to former years, is 74 per cent.

IRON SOWS.—The average number, as compared to former years, is 71 per cent.

Poultry.—The report as to the

fruit crop is very varied. I will quote two reports from the same county. First, the frost on the night of the 23d killed peaches, pears, plums, and damaged the forward wheat, but to what extent can not be determined. Another report, dated April 14th: Our fruit crop safe at this writing.

NICHOLAS McDOWELL,
Commissioner.

A Man's Land.

A lady reader writes that she has discovered the standard by which one man judges another, viz: himself. Here are some of her definitions as she has heard him express them:

- A rascal—one who owes him money.
- A miser—one who saves more money than he.
- A spendthrift—one who spends more money than he.
- A snob—one whose social position is better than his own.
- An upstart—one whose social position is worse than his own.
- A smart man—one who thinks as he does.
- A fool—one who doesn't.
- A crank—one whose theories differ from his.

More Farmers Needed in the South.

The most noticeable feature of the discussions at the convention of southern governors is the desire for farmers in that section. The mineral resources are being developed rapidly, but there is danger of a one-sided growth unless the agricultural resources are utilized to at least an equal extent. As much intelligence is necessary for successful farming as for manufacturing, and the southern people have waked up to the fact that immigration of the right sort is imperative. —St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Are You Any Good at Puzzles?

The genius who invented the "Fifteen" Puzzle, "Pigs in Clover" and many others has invented a brand new one, which is going to be the greatest on record. There is fun, instruction and entertainment in it. The old and learned will find as much mystery in it as the young and unsophisticated. This great puzzle is the property of the New York Press Club, for whom it was invented by Samuel Loyd, the great puzzlist to be sold for the benefit of the movement to erect a great home for newspaper workers in New York. Generous friends have given

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